The BABES of the *W*

A New Song

COME all you parents that have childr
Listen awhile now and you soon shall l
Of two poor children th t was starv'd to d
How in a wood they did resign their breatl

It was in Norfolk town for t uth I tell,
Their parents l d as many know it well,
They had two children bo h of beauty's m
Who became heirs unto great sums of gold.

At length it pleased God they sick did fa
Th n for their tender babes they thus did c
With weeping eyes unto themselves they l
The Lord from you us soon will take awa

Those little babes with melting tears di
Then t king of their parents by the hand,
Alas! then cry'd the tender mother sh:,
May the Lord a father to my babes be.

Then for their uncle straightway they di
Saying, dear brother to our children be a
Then God will reward you if you'll take c
Of these our young and tender infants dea

We leave our son ten hundred pounds i
Anp to our daugeter that's a beauty s moul
Seven hundred pounds, when they of age c
But if they die it then shall be yeur own.

These speeches then the brother he did r
Saying, your babes I never will forsake,
For when you both in your cold graves do
A father to your children I will be.

No sooner din the parents this world de
out this cruel wretch with hard and stony
He did contrive a means them to destroy,
Thinking their riches then for to enjoy.

Two ruffians he did hire then straightwa
Those littles babes lives to take away they
But as they along the road with them did pa
One of the murderers fail'd him at last.

Unto the other ruffian he did say,
Let us not shed the innocent blood I pray,
At which they in a passion with each other f
A duel fought one ran the other through.

Then he that prov'd to be the winning m
Did take these too young babes by the hand
To the middle of a lonesome wood, where
He left them for to starve to death we hear.

These little babes they wand up and down
At length a few smallberries they found,
But for want of food no longer could survive
So arm in arm they laid them down and dy'd

The little robins came round them as they
And cover'd them all o'er with leaves they sa
Their cruel uncle he no rest could find,
But unto [illegible] after did resign.